

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A signal processor, comprising:

2 a signal processing unit covered with a vacuum insulation
3 layer in a vacuum vessel;

4 a cooling mechanism that cools said signal processing unit;

5 a getter material of a heat-activation type that controls
6 increase of gas pressure inside said vacuum insulation layer;

7 a heater that heats to activate said getter material, and;

8 an electrification controller that switches ON said heater
9 in advance before cooling begins.

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1 2. The signal processor according to Claim 1, wherein said
2 signal processing unit comprises:

3 a band-pass filter for selecting a predetermined signal from

4 a receiving signal input from an antenna terminal; and

5 a low noise amplifier for amplifying an output from said
6 band-pass filter to a predetermined level with low noise.

1 3. The signal processor according to Claim 1, wherein said
2 electrification controller comprises:

3 a relay that switches electrification either to said cooling
4 mechanism or said heater; and a sequencer that controls said relay.

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1 4. The signal processor according to Claim 1, wherein;

2 all or a part of wirings of said signal processing unit makes
3 up of a superconductive material, and

4 said cooling mechanism has a capability to cool said signal
5 processing unit until said superconductive material becomes in

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6 a superconductive state.

1 5. The signal processor according to Claim 4, wherein said
2 superconductive material is a high-temperature superconductor
3 having superconductive characteristics at a high temperature.

1 6. A signal processor, comprising:
2 a signal processing unit covered with a vacuum insulation
3 layer in a vacuum vessel;
4 a cooling mechanism that cools said signal processing unit;
5 a getter material of a heat-activation type that controls
6 increase of gas pressure inside said vacuum insulation layer;
7 a heater that heats to activate said getter material, and;
8 an electrification controller that selectively switches ON
9 said heater when cooling begins and selectively switches ON said
10 cooling mechanism after a predetermined condition is established.

1 7. The signal processor according to Claim 6, wherein "after
2 said predetermined condition is said established" equals "after
3 a passage of a certain period of time".

1 8. The signal processor according to Claim 6, wherein said
2 signal processing unit comprises:
3 a band-pass filter for selecting a predetermined signal from
4 a receiving signal input from an antenna terminal; and
5 a low noise amplifier for amplifying an output from said
6 band-pass filter to a predetermined level with low noise.

1 9. The signal processor according to Claim 6, wherein said

2 electrification controller comprises:

3 a relay that switches electrification either to said cooling
4 mechanism or said heater; and a sequencer that controls said relay.

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1 10. The signal processor according to Claim 6, wherein;

2 all or a part of wirings of said signal processing unit makes
3 up of a superconductive material, and

4 said cooling mechanism has a capability to cool said signal
5 processing unit until said superconductive material becomes in
6 a superconductive state.

1 11. The signal processor according to Claim 10, wherein said
2 superconductive material is a high-temperature superconductor
3 having superconductive characteristics at a high temperature.

1 12. A cooling method of a signal processor that comprises:
2 a signal processing unit covered with a vacuum insulation
3 layer;

4 a cooling mechanism that cools said signal processing unit;
5 a getter material of a heat-activation type that controls
6 increase of gas pressure inside said vacuum insulation layer; and

7 a heater that heats to activate said getter material, and
8 wherein;

9 said heater is switched ON in advance before cooling begins.

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1 13. A cooling method of a signal processor that comprises:
2 a signal processing unit covered with a vacuum insulation
3 layer;

4 a cooling mechanism that cools said signal processing unit;

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5 a getter material of a heat-activation type that controls
6 increase of gas pressure inside said vacuum insulation layer; and
7 a heater that heats to activate said getter material, and
8 wherein;
9 said heater is selectively switched ON when cooling begins
10 and said cooling mechanism is selectively switched ON after a
11 predetermined condition is established.

1 14. The cooling method of the signal processor according to
2 Claim 13, wherein "after said predetermined condition is said
3 established" equals "after a passage of a certain period of time".

1 15. The cooling method of the signal processor according to
2 Claim 13, implementing a change-over of switching by using a
3 sequence program.

1 16. A radio receiver comprising:
2 a signal processing unit covered with a vacuum insulation
3 layer;
4 a cooling mechanism that cools said signal processing unit;
5 a getter material of a heat-activation type that controls
6 increase of gas pressure inside said vacuum insulation layer;
7 a heater that heats to activate said getter material; and
8 an electrification controller that switches ON said heater
9 in advance before cooling begins.

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1 17. A radio receiver, comprising:
2 a signal processing unit covered with a vacuum insulation
3 layer;

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4 a cooling mechanism that cools said signal processing unit;
5 a getter material of a heat-activation type that controls
6 increase of gas pressure inside said vacuum insulation layer;
7 a heater that heats to activate said getter material, and;
8 an electrification controller that selectively switches ON
9 said heater when cooling begins and selectively switches ON said
10 cooling mechanism after a predetermined condition is established.

1 18. A cooling method of a radio receiver that comprises:
2 a signal processing unit covered with a vacuum insulation
3 layer;
4 a cooling mechanism that cools said signal processing unit;
5 a getter material of a heat-activation type that controls
6 increase of gas pressure inside said vacuum insulation layer; and
7 a heater that heats to activate said getter material, and
8 wherein;
9 said heater is switched ON in advance before cooling begins.
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1 19. A cooling method of a radio receiver that comprises:
2 a signal processing unit covered with a vacuum insulation
3 layer;
4 a cooling mechanism that cools said signal processing unit;
5 a getter material of a heat-activation type that controls
6 increase of gas pressure inside said vacuum insulation layer; and
7 a heater that heats to activate said getter material, and
8 wherein;
9 said heater is selectively switched ON when cooling begins
10 and said cooling mechanism is selectively switched ON after a
11 predetermined condition is established.